WHAT DO THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS BELIEVE; or, WHAT IS "MORMONISM?"

DEAR FRIEND,—In reply to this oft repeated question, we lay down the following principles which may be considered as embracing some of the leading doctrines of Mormon, and of those who believe his writings.

First.—That there can be but one true system of doctrine and religious worship revealed under heaven, among men, whereby man can be governed, directed, and saved.

Secondly.—That this one true system was revealed in the beginning of the world by the great Creator and Father of mankind, by means of conversation between himself and his children, and also by angels, visions, the spirit of prophecy, and revelation.

Thirdly.—That this one system has been often perverted by man, and lost sight of to such an extent that it became necessary for the Great Father of heaven and earth, to again reveal it by the same means as at first. Hence the necessity for the several dispensations and manifestations of mercy to man in different ages and countries.

Fourthly.—That Jesus Christ, the Messiah, did, after his resurrection, minister in person to the Jews in Palestine, to the remnant of Joseph in America, to the lost tribes of Israel, in the north countries, and to the spirits in prison, or to the dead, who had died without the Gospel; and that his Gospel and kingdom was established in the several parts of the world by that means.

Fifthly.—That the Gentiles also were partakers of this one system after Christ, not by his personal ministry amongst them, but by means of his apostles, and by the Holy Ghost, which revealed him and bore witness to their spirits, that he had risen from the dead as a prince and Saviour of men.

Sixthly.—That this one system has been corrupted, both by Jews, Israelites, and Gentiles, to such an extent that its true principles and powers have been lost sight of for centuries past, and nowhere understood and enjoyed in its fulness among men. Hence the divisions and contentions which have overwhelmed the world, and bewildered the human mind.

Seventhly.—That this one system has been again restored to man in this present age, by the same means as in other ages, viz., by the voice of God, by the ministry of angels, and by visions, and revelations from the Lord; and this is a new dispensation to bring in the Latter-day glory, the fulness of the Gentiles, and the restoration of the Jews, and other tribes of Israel, and of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began. And in order to prepare the way for the second coming of the Messiah and his peaceful reign of a thousand years.—Eph. i, 10; Acts iii, 20—21.

The principles of the fulness of the Gospel, as had in ancient times, and as now restored, are as follows:

First.—Man is required to believe in Jesus Christ as a crucified and risen Messiah.

Second.—Man is required to repent and forsake sin, and lead a new life of righteousness and truth.

Third.—Man is required to be baptised by immersion in water, in the name of Jesus Christ, for remission of sins, and to receive the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the hands of the apostles and elders of this last dispensation of mercy to man.

Fourth.—Man should believe in, and seek to enjoy the gifts of the Holy Ghost, as they were anciently enjoyed, viz., the ministry and communion of angels and spirits—the gift of seeing visions, and of prophecy and revelation—the gift of healing the sick, and of being healed—in short, all the gifts promised by Jesus Christ, and by his ancient prophets and apostles, and enjoyed by the ancient Saints.—1 Corin. xii, 4—14.

Fifth.—All persons who embrace these principles should live holy, virtuous, and prayerful lives, and should be literally gathered from all Gentile religions and political organizations, and be identified with Israel in their restoration to the favour of God, and to their own lands.

And lastly, all persons thus united on the fulness of the Gospel, and prepared, should wait patiently, and look earnestly for the coming of the "Son of Man."

For he will soon come, and execute the judgment written, and reign on the earth with his people. (*Mil. Star*, Vol. VI, page 4.)

The Latter-day Saints meet for Public Worship at the Music Hall, Bold Street, every Sunday at ½ past 10 o'clock in the morning, and at ½ past 6 o'clock in the evening. On Wednesday evenings at ½ past 7 o'clock.

At the Temperance Hall, Bond Street, every Sunday evening at ½ past 6 o'clock.

At 145, Mill Street, every Sunday evening at ½ past 6 o'clock and on Tuesday evenings at half-past 7 o'clock.

Your attendance is invited: seats all FREE.

Your Servant, for Christ's sake,

Liverpool. GLAUD RODGER.

Printed by J. Sadler, 16, Moorfields, Liverpool.